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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5695

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHMER QUESTION: ZAIRE POSITION

REF: USUN 5527

1. IN ADDITION TO PROBLEMS WITH ZAIRE UN DEL REPORTED REFTEL AND PREVIOUS, WE WISH TO NOTE WHAT APPEAR TO US TO BE INCONSISTENCIES IN WHAT GOZ TELLS US IN KINSHASA AND WHAT IS DONE IN NEW YORK. AS FIRST CASE IN POINT, WE NOTE THAT GOZ TOLD US IT WOULD FORMALLY WITHDRAW AS CO-SPONSOR OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RES. PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S HELPFUL GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT INDICATED ZAIRE DID NOT AGREE WITH NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON MEMBERSHIP. PERMREP IPOTO REPEATED THIS PORTION OF MOBUTU SPEECH IN FIRST COMITE DEBATE ON KOREA, BUT HE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT HE CONTINUED TO BE CO-SPONSOR OF ALGERIAN RES AND HAD BOTH FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY RESES BEEN PUT TO VOTE ZAIRE WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED ALGERIAN RES AND PROBABLY VOTED AGAINST OURS.

2. ON KHMER QUESTION, DESPITE GOZ ASSURANCES IN KINSHASA, ZAIRE MISSION PLAYED ACTIVE ROLE IN PRO-SIHANOUK CAMPAIGN. IPOTO PROUDLY TOLD THAI PERMREP ANAND THAT ZAIRE HAD HELPED DRAFT PRO-SIHANOUK RES.
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DESPITE EFFORTS TO DISCUSS ISSUE HERE, ZAIRE REPS

RESPONDED ALMOST UNTIL END AS TOTAL SUPPORTER TO EFFORTS
TO SEAT SIHANOUK. ONLY ON LAST VOTE DEC. 17 ON CHALLENGE
TO GKR CREDENTIALS DID ZAIRE DEL ABSENT ITSLEF FROM VOTE.
WE ARE NOT YET SURE WHY THIS OCCURRED, AND WE WERE CERTAINLY
UNABLE TO COUNT ON IT.

3. THERE IS CLEARLY A COMMUNICATIONS GAP WITHIN GOZ,
OR BETWEEN GOZ AND IPOTO. ZAIRE DEL IS INFLUENTIAL HERE;
AND WE WOULD NATURALLY LIKE TO HAVE IT ON OUR SIDE
WHENEVER POSSIBLE. BUT IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO US TO
HAVE A BETTER FIX ON GOZ POSITION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS KINSHASA MAY HAVE ON THIS
PROBLEM.
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